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1. EMBASSY REPORTED IN REF C THAT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD AUSTRALIA
WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT OECD MINISTERIAL BY FOREIGN MINISTER,
ANDREW PEACOCK, AND BY TREASURER, JOHN HOWARD.
2. IT HAS NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT WHILE PEACOCK WILL INDEED ATTEND,
DUE TO PRESS OF BUSINESS AT HOME, HOWARD WILL NOT ATTEND, BUT WILL BE
REPRESENTED BY MINISTER FOR SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIONS,
R.V. (VIC) GARLAND.
3. OTHER MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:
A. PAUL H. BARRATT
DEPUTY SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND RESOURCES
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B. PHILLIP J. FLOOD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT OF THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

C. FRED N. BENNETT
DEPUTY SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

D. J.D.C.C. (DES) MOORE
FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OVERSEAS ECONOMIC RELATIONS DIVISION
THE TREASURY

E. R.D. (DOUG) STURKEY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS BRANCH
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

4. COMMENT: WHEN EMBOFF REMARKED TO STURKEY OF DFA THAT AUSTRALIAN
DELEGATION APPEARED UNUSUALLY HIGH-POWERED, HE REMARKED THAT ONE MUST
NOT FORGET THAT THE PRIME MINISTER "WILL BE IN THE WINGS IN PARIS."
ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER FRASER WILL NOT RPT NOT BE PART OF AUSTRALIAN
DELEGATION, HE WILL BE IN PARIS DURING ALL OR PART OF OECD MINISTERIALS

AND WILL BE HOLDING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL OF THE
LEADERS PRESENT IN PARIS. STURKEY SAID THAT IT JUST POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH

NOT PROBABLE THAT FRASER WOULD MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT THE MINISTERIALS.

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